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Resolution No. 240 -31 (COR)

**Introduced by:** 

R.J. RESPICIO

Relative to recognizing and commending Elysssa Gonzalez, for winning 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade category of the BASTA Bullying Prevention Poster competition, part of the promotion and educational outreach component of Bullying Prevention in Guam, most especially during "National Bullying Prevention Month."

## BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I MINA' TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*:

3 WHEREAS, Guam has joined communities across the country to celebrate 4 National Bullying Prevention Month, during the month of October, in order to 5 promote bullying prevention within our schools and community to support the 6 needs of children; and

7 WHEREAS, it has been shown that community involvement is critical in 8 effectively reducing the occurrences of bullying and in encouraging more 9 acceptable behaviors from our children through the education and promotion of 10 positive behavioral alternatives to bullying, and;

WHEREAS, it has been recognized that each person in our community plays one of three roles with regards to bullying, being either the bully, the bullied, or the bystander who observes the act and further recognizing that the bystander who does not become involved in discouraging bullying behavior enables the behavior to continue and must be educated about the importance of their role in the
 prevention of bullying, and;

3 WHEREAS, Guam seeks educate to and raise awareness of 4 bullying prevention efforts by engaging our island's youth to become more active 5 participants in bullying prevention measures, such as the first BASTA (Bullying 6 Affects Students, Teachers, and ALL) Bullying Prevention Poster contest: and

WHEREAS, members of the Judiciary of Guam, the Department of
Education, along with community partners and concerned citizens have joined
together to engage our youth in positive activities and provide educational outreach
aimed at reducing bullying in our communities; now, therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED,** that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina' Trentai Unu Na* 12 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the 13 people of Guam, encourage the people of Guam to join in recognizing the 14 achievements of Elyssa Gonzalez for her commitment to being a part of the 15 solution to prevent bullying in Guam through her participation in the BASTA 16 Bullying Prevention Poster contest and subsequent third place win in her category; 17 and be it further

18 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on 19 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that 20 copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Chief Justice F. Philip Carbullido, 21 Judiciary of Guam; the Guam Legislature; and to the Honorable Edward Baza 22 Calvo, *I Maga'Låhen Guåhan*.

## DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THIS \_\_\_\_\_DAY OF OCTOBER 2011.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. Speaker

**RORY J. RESPICIO** Chairperson, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES Legislative Secretary